

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President John F. Pacheco led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 2014, and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

3. Public Comment

Robin Schutt of 957 Round Top commented on item #15-003,

encouraging the Town Council to accept the Community Development Block Grant.

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Donald A. Fox commented on the Council January 5, 2015 tour of WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care facility at the Bridgeway, Pascoag, thanking Peter Bancroft, CPA, President and Chief Executive Officer of WellOne and the Councilors who attended.

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson announced the 2015 Between the Cracks Ice Fishing Tournament scheduled for January 31, 2015.

5. Special Business:

15-001 VOTED to open a proclamation honoring Nicholas J. Lapierre on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

VOTED to adopt a proclamation honoring Nicholas J. Lapierre on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council

Proclamation

**Whereas, Nicholas J. Lapierre is being honored for his achievements in Scouting after having attained the worthy rank of Eagle Scout; and
Whereas, As a member of Troop 100 in Pascoag, Nicholas J. Lapierre has earned forty-three merit badges. He has served his troop in a variety of leadership roles including Patrol Leader, Scribe and Instructor; and**

Whereas, Nicholas participated in the Burrillville Gloucester recreational soccer league for eleven years and wanted to give back to the organization which benefited him greatly; and

Whereas, Nicholas's Eagle Scout project was to build fifteen kick-back walls for the Burrillville Gloucester Youth Soccer Association; and

Whereas, In addition, Nicholas also organized a skills clinic with several of the youth; and

Whereas, in the month of January 2015 Nicholas J. Lapierre is being elevated to the level of Eagle Scout and the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville joins his family in congratulating him on his achievement.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville on this 14th day of January 2015 do hereby honor and commend Nicholas J. Lapierre for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout and all of the accomplishments that entails.

Be it further resolved that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville hereby wish Nicholas J. Lapierre well on his advancement through the ranks of the Boy Scouts and in all of his future endeavors.

Adopted this 14th day of January 2015

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

6. Petitions:

15-002 VOTED to grant a petition from Verizon New England Inc. and Narragansett Electric Company for the use of the public ways to place one new joint pole 76 on the southeasterly side of Cherry Farm Road as shown on the attached plan.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Unfinished Business:

14-253 Proposed changes to the revised general ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, Chapter 30 entitled Zoning, Sec . 30-71. – Zoning district uses, as it related to Wholesale business and storage of nonflammable and nonexplosive material in a building, for first reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

VOTED to schedule at the call of the Chair.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

9. New Business:

15-003 Correspondence from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, regarding a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, discussed the proposed projects in downtown Pascoag and distributed renderings. James Langlois, Chairman of the Burrillville Redevelopment Agency,

spoke in support of accepting CDBG funds. The matter was discussed.

VOTED to support the grants and to give the authority to the Town Council President to execute contracts relative to these projects.

Motion by Councilor Steven N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-004 Consider and act on correspondence and resolutions related to the adoption of RhodeMap RI by the Statewide Planning Council.

VOTED to table to the next meeting.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Donald A. Fox. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-005 VOTED to receive the FY 2016 budget calendar and approve the public hearing dates for the budget for FY 2016 as presented.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-006 VOTED to open the correspondence from Councilor Stephen N. Rawson regarding his request for a discussion concerning bidding out the exclusive access of Town owned athletic fields by Hawkers, namely food vendors, with the proceeds benefitting the groups that use those facilities or used to financially support the maintenance of those facilities.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Donald A. Fox. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

Discussion: Councilor Stephen N. Rawson reviewed the proposal to bid the right for food vendors to sell at recreational fields. There was discussion of the process and whether the idea would support or interfere with the leagues' current practices.

VOTED to refer to the Administration and the Town Solicitor to look

into this idea.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-007 VOTED to open the correspondence from Councilor Donald A. Fox regarding his request to discuss and act on asking the Administration and Solicitor to explore options for integrating the Burrillville Sewer Commission into the town.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

Discussion: Councilor Donald A. Fox suggested that the integration of the Sewer Commission under the town's authority might benefit economic development. The matter was discussed. There was suggestion that the first step might be discussions with the Sewer Commission.

VOTED to direct the Administration to look into a discussion with the

Sewer Department relative to improving efficiencies with the various users.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Michelle D. Bouchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

VOTED to authorize the Administration to conduct the initial research into what would be needed if at some point the Council were to decide to attempt to consolidate the Sewer Commission under the Administration.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Donald A. Fox. The motion carried, four in favor, three opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place. Voting in opposition were Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard and Kimberly Brissette Brown.

15-008 VOTED to open the correspondence from Oleg Nikolyszyn, Town Solicitor, regarding his request that, pursuant to §7.01 of the Town Charter of the Town of Burrillville, the Town Council confirm his appointment of William C. Dimitri as an assistant solicitor.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Attorney William C. Dimitri was welcomed to Town service.

The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

VOTED to confirm the appointment of William C. Dimitri as an assistant solicitor.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-009 VOTED to appoint William Guertin Tree Warden for the Town of Burrillville, RI in accordance with the provisions of RIGL 2-14.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N.

Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-010 Correspondence from David J. Place, Chair, Screening Subcommittee regarding the Subcommittees recommendations.

VOTED to reappoint:

Matthew Misiaszek as a member of the Housing Authority to serve a five-year term to expire October 31, 2019.

Laura Fontaine as a member of the Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors to serve a three-year term to expire October 31, 2017.

Jeffrey Hilton as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission to serve a one-year term to expire October 31, 2015.

Sharon Davies as a member of the Recreation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire October 31, 2017.

Timothy Pratt as a member of the Recreation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire October 31, 2017.

Russell Couture as a member of the Board of Assessment Review to serve a three-year term to expire November 30, 2017.

Juliette Lopez as a member of the Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors to serve a three-year term to expire October 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

VOTED to advance:

Robert Tetreault from alternate to full member of the Budget Board to complete an unexpired three-year term to expire June 30, 2016.

Jeffrey Hilton from alternate to full member of the Recreation Commission to complete an unexpired three-year term to expire October 31, 2015.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Donald A. Fox. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

VOTED to open discussion of the appointment of Donison Allen as an

alternate member of the Budget Board to serve a one-year term to expire June 30, 2015.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Michelle D. Bouchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

Discussion: Councilor David J. Place noted that the Screening Subcommittee was recommending the appointment prior to officially having the application referred to them to accommodate the Budget Board's FY2016 budget work.

VOTED to appoint Donison Allen as an alternate member of the Budget Board to service a one-year term to expire June 30, 2015.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Donald A. Fox. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-011 Consider and act on application from Donison Allen for appointment to the Budget Board.

VOTED to table.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Michelle D. Bouchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-012 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the applications for reappointment from Kathan M. Lambert and Jacqueline Zahn of the Juvenile Hearing Board and Tony Wood of the Personnel Board.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-013 VOTED to open discussion of authorizing Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, to sign a commercial gas service /main agreement with National Grid relative to 92 North Main Street.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Michelle D. Bouchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette

Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

Discussion: The advantages of having natural gas service to the building were discussed.

VOTED to authorize Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, to sign a commercial gas service /main agreement with National Grid relative to 92 North Main Street in the amount of \$1,827 with funding from the Contingency Fund.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Michelle D. Bouchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

10. Town Clerk/Communication:

15-014 VOTED to receive and file the Executor's Deed granting from the estate of Gary H. Rouleau to the Town of Burrillville property located at Union Avenue, Assessor's Map 158, Lot 013.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette

Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-015 VOTED to receive and file the Independent Accountant's Report from Cayer Caccia regarding the Burrillville Board of Administration's accounting records for the year ending December 31, 2013.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place.

Discussion: Councilor Nancy F. Binns and the Board of Administration were commended for a job well done with the finances of the Board of Administration.

The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

15-016 VOTED to receive and file the State Planning Council Public Notice of Major Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N.

Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

11. Additional New Business:

15-017 VOTED to grant the request for executive session from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meeting Law §42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion and action relative to employee pension litigation.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Donald A. Fox. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

The Town Council returned to open session at 8:20 P.M.

VOTED to seal the minutes of Executive Session noting that no votes had been taken.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

VOTED to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk